



IntoSAINT Post

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IntoSAINT is a self-assessment instrument for SAIs that they can use to analyse their integrity risks and assess the maturity level of their integrity management systems.

An IntoSAINT moderator can facilitate an integrity self-assessment for a Supreme Audit Institution. The self-assessment takes place in a structured two-day workshop. The instrument is targeted at corruption prevention and leads to management recommendations to support the integrity of the organisation. The self-assessment results in a report that enables the Supreme Audit Institution to design a tailor made integrity policy and at the same time increase the integrity awareness of employees.

IntoSAINT was developed by the Netherlands Court of Audit. We support the use of the instrument internationally. Are you interested? For additional information about IntoSAINT, or if your SAI would be interested in a moderator training or an IntoSAINT workshop, please contact i.dehaan@rekenkamer.nl or m.wilbrink@rekenkamer.nl or m.janson@rekenkamer.nl

Moderators invited to come to The Hague

On 22 and 23 April 2013 the Netherlands Court of Audit (NCA) will organise the 'IntoSAINT lessons learned meeting' in The Hague to collect the ideas and experiences concerning the IntoSAINT roll-out. We also would like to hear what is needed to make IntoSAINT work in SAIs. At INCOSAI XXI in Beijing we will report about the roll-out and results of the IntoSAINT initiative.

We will invite colleagues who have experience with the instrument and/or are planning to conduct an IntoSAINT workshop in the near future. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us by email or phone, Intosaint@rekenkamer.nl, +31 70 342 4 404 or +31 70 342 4 187.

IntoSAINT website

On the NCA website general information on IntoSAINT is available, this information has had an up-date (www.courtsofaudit.nl/intosaint).

IntoSAINT moderator-website

A moderator-website is accessible via the NCA website since this month. This website is for trained moderators and will be used to share training materials, experiences of moderators in the regions, the list of trained moderators, an overview of (planned) assessments etc.

If you have contributions, please send them to Intosaint@rekenkamer.nl.

External funding

The NCA has submitted an application for support funding for the roll-out of IntoSAINT to the Multi-donor Trust Fund/INTOSAI programme, being coordinated by IDI Financial support. The application was not honoured, which means that countries that need additional financial resources to participate fully in the roll-out of IntoSAINT within their region should look for other external funding.



News from the regions

ARABOSAI

The first Moderator training in the ARABOSAI region was a success. From 9 to 13 December 2012 the State Audit Bureau of Kuwait hosted the ARABOSAI IntoSAINT Moderator Training in Kuwait-City. The State Audit Bureau welcomed 12 ARABOSAI-countries and 25 colleagues from: Iraq, Jordan, Egypt, Algeria, Tunisia, Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Oman and Yemen. Yaqoub Alsultan from the State Audit Bureau of Kuwait, Houcine Ben Hadj Messoud from the Tunisian Court des Comptes and Marijn Wilbrink and Ina de Haan from the Netherlands Court of Audit moderated the training.

It was very inspiring to see how committed the colleagues in the ARABOSAI-region worked together on the IntoSAINT methodology and exchanged views and experiences on the topic of integrity. The participants practiced the necessary IntoSAINT moderating skills with roll-play, often in sub-groups. A new element in the training was extra emphasis on the key competencies of an effective facilitator: what knowledge, skills and attitudes are required to facilitate the workshop effectively.

After 5 days of hard work the participants were not only enthusiastic about the instrument and training, but also determined to apply the tool in their own countries. The SAIs of Qatar and Algeria are considering to conduct a self assessment this year. The State Audit Bureau of Kuwait was congratulated extensively by the participants for their excellent care and professionalism in organizing the training.

ASOSAI

On the 13th and 14th of December 2012, the State Audit Office of Vietnam conducted an IntoSAINT self assessment. Representatives of 30 internal departments and regional offices of the SAV gave their assessment of the integrity control system of their organisation and possible ways to further improve the integrity control system. Thanks to the active attitude of the representatives and the excellent preparation by the organising board, many constructive discussions arose on the subject of integrity and the desired approach of integrity by the SAV. The State Audit Office of Vietnam was assisted by the Board of Audit and Inspection of Korea and the Netherlands Court of Audit, who sent senior moderators.

The SAV plans to look seriously into the feasibility of implementing certain recommendations made by the participants. Moreover, the knowledge gained, the concepts discussed in and the recommendations resulted from the self assessment, have been circulated to the top leaders and disseminated to all of the 30 internal units of the SAV.

Finally, the SAV plans to host a moderator training for the Asian region in August or September 2013. The Netherlands Court of Audit will support this initiative by sharing knowledge about previous moderator trainings in which the NCA has been involved and by sending a representative for the training itself.

CAROSAI

Aruba had their first self-assessment in December 2012. Aruba wants to contribute to the roll-out in the Caribbean region and they also would like to introduce the methodology in the public sector.

EUROSAI

Norway and Macedonia have had a particular busy IntoSAINT year. Macedonia was the first SAI in the region to have a workshop in February 2012, assisted by colleagues from Norway. Early November Norway hosted a meeting of Eurosai colleagues who attended the Moderator Training in The Hague to exchange experiences. This was attended by colleagues from Turkey, Austria and The Netherlands. Shortly after that they had their own IntoSAINT workshop, moderated by ECA



colleagues. 2013 also looks to be a promising IntoSAINT year for the Eurosai region: The Turkish Court of Accounts will host a Eurosai moderator Training in Ankara, tentatively in May 2013. Turkey, Macedonia and The Netherlands will provide the trainers for this event.

OLACEFS

For Mexico 2012 was a year full of IntoSAINT activities. The moderators from the Auditoría Superior de la Federación de Mexico (ASF) that were trained in The Hague in 2011, Erwin Alberto Ramírez Gutierrez and Alberto Benavides have trained three of their colleagues of the ASF. They organized this to enable the ASF to further disseminate the methodology in the audit offices of the 32 states of Mexico.

Also Mexico experienced its own IntoSAINT in September 2012, moderated by moderators from Norway (Svend T. Skjønsberg) and the Netherlands (Marion Janson). The Mexican colleagues took care of the preparations and as a result the workshop was very well supported by the staff of the ASF. A number of 21 colleagues of the ASF now have more knowledge of the Integrity-concept and they can act as change agents for awareness raising. Together with the recommendations for the management this can support strengthening the institution in its further activities in this area. The Mexican colleagues all commented that they experienced the assessment as fruitful.

Also the Mexican colleagues presented the IntoSAINT methodology on the meeting of OLACEFS. The region of Latin-America would like to have a moderator-training in 2013. Mexico and Peru are exploring the feasibility.

Agenda 2013

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| • Lessons learned meeting The Hague | April |
| • Moderator-training Eurosai: Turkey | May |
| • Moderator-training Asian Region: Vietnam | Aug/Sept |
| • Moderator-training Olacefs (feasibility is explored) | |